MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastiswaram*): May I know the date on which the petition was received by the Division Officer, Nagercoil?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No information is available on that point.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastiswaram*): Am I to understand that I should be statisfied with the reply given by the member?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

Promotion of undergraduate clerks in the Land Revenue Department.

37. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the undergraduate clerks in the lowest grade in the Land Revenue Department are promoted as second grade clerks in accordance with the circular, Dis. No. 431 of 1926/P. W.;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether there are cases in which undergraduate clerks who have acted in the second grade even before the date of the above circular have not been given promotion to the second grade; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, a list of such cases in the Quilon Division with the reasons for not considering the claims of such persons?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the affirmative.

(*c*) The list* is laid on the table. It is reported that persons whose names are included in the list have not been promoted since all their seniors have not yet been promoted to the grade of Rs. 40-70. Nos. 3 and 4 in the list have not passed the Revenue and Account Test Examinations which are essential for promotion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know how many undergraduate clerks have been promoted to the second grade after the issue of Dis. No. 431 of 1926/P. W.?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Am I to understand that till now all persons who have acted before 1926 have not been absorbed?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer furnished says that. Seven persons have not been absorbed yet.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether it is according to the seniority of the clerks that the list is arranged?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that definitely. The list is prepared on the information supplied by the Land Revenue Commissioner.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has any order been followed in the arrangement in the list?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot ay now.

Criminal cases in which Mr. Padmanabhan Tampi, Inspector of Police, is an accused.

38. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of criminal cases in which Mr. Padmanabhan Tampi, Inspector of Police, Vaikam, has been an accused in the course of the last two years, the number of cases disposed of and of those pending?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 2 cases—one was dismissed as frivolous and the other is pending disposal.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): In regard to the answer, may I know the offence involved in the case pending disposal?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know.

Community to which Mr. Padmanabhan Tampi, Inspector of Police, belongs.

39. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the particular Hindu community or caste to which Mr. Padmanabhan Tampi, Inspector of Police, Vaikam, belongs; and

(*b*) whether he has stated in any of his depositions before courts that he belongs to a different caste?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Other Hindu—Chetty.

(*b*) No.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Do the Government make any distinction between Chetties and Nayars?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Certainly.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Is it from a communal point of view?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. In the return of appointments a distinction is made.

Metalling of the Paramarthalingapuram-Tamaracolam road.

40. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was any budget allotment for metalling the Paramarthalingapuram-South Tamaracolam road in 1104, 1105, 1106 or in 1107?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the budgets for the respective years.

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